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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISIT: STATEMENTS/TOASTS

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DEPARTURE STATEMENT

1. A SUGGESTED DEPARTURE STATEMENT FOR THE SECRETARY'S
VISIT FOLLOWS:

FOR THE PAST THREE DAY I HAVE ENJOYED A UNIQUE
OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS SOME OF THE WORLD'S CRITICAL PROBLEMS
WITH THE LEADERS OF INDIA. THESE TALKS HAVE BEEN HIGHLY
VALUABLE TO ME. I DEPART THIS MORNING WITH A RENEWED
APPRECIATION OF INDIA'S PERSPECTIVE. I DEPART CONVINCED
THAT THERE ARE MANY MORE ISSUES IN WHICH WE FIND BASIC AGREE-
MENT THAN THERE ARE ISSUES IN WHICH THE GAPS BETWEEN US ARE
WIDE. AND EVEN IN THESE FEW CASES, BOTH SIDES HAVE
PROFITED FROM USEFUL EXCHANGES AND ARE RESOLVED TO CONTINUE
THE DIALOGUE BEGUN HERE.

AS THE COMMUNIQUE ATTESTS OUR TWO GREAT NATIONS
ARE FORTUNATE IN SHARING COMMON INSTITUTIONS AND RELATED
HISTORIES. WE KNOW FROM THIS VISIT THAT WE CAN COOPERATE
AND WORK TOGETHER TO STRENGTHEN NOT ONLY OUR OWN RESPECTIVE
SOCIETIES, BUT IN THE GREATER INTEREST OF PEACE AND FOR THE
BENEFIT OF ALL MANKIND.

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2. IN BILATERAL TERMS WE HAVE ESTABLISHED THE FRAMEWORK FOR A NEW RELATIONSHIP. THE JOINT COMMISSIONS REPRESENT AN INTEGRAL PART OF THAT STRUCTURE. OUR TASK --THE TASK OF AMERICANS AND INDIANS IN BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE LIFE -- IS NOW TO BUILD ON THAT FRAMEWORK, TO DEVELOP THE EXCHANGES AND COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIPS WHICH WILL GIVE SUBSTANCE TO OUR NEW RELATIONSHIP. I PERSONALLY LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER TO ENSURE THAT WE SUCCEED IN THIS COMMON TASK.

MRS. KISSINGER AND I WISH TO THANK OUR HOSTS AND THE INDIAN PEOPLE FOR THE HOSPITALITY SHOWN US DURING THIS VISIT. WE REGRET THE TIME FOR DEPARTURE HAS COME SO QUICKLY, BUT WE ARE FORTUNATE THAT SUFFICIENT TIME WAS ALLOWED US TO SEE NOT ONLY YOUR GRACIOUS CAPITAL CITY, BUT SOME OF THE REST OF INDIA AS WELL. WE HAVE LEARNED MUCH. MRS. KISSINGER AND I RETURN TO WASHINGTON WITH FOND MEMORIES OF THESE THREE EVENTFUL DAYS.
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